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An opportunity to help the D-M fire department help others

Airman 1st Class Robert Terrell, 355th Civil Engineering Squadron, practices water stream applications from the P-22 structural firefighting engine. Today and Saturday members from the base fire department will be collecting funds to benefit the Air Force Assistance Fund by "passing the boot" in front of the commissary and shopette from noon to 5 p.m.



Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

Many cultures, one world

By 1st Lt. Rebecca Garland
355th Wing Public Affairs

What do Dr. David Da-I Ho, Yo-Yo Ma, Patsy Takemoto Mink, Spark Matsunaga, I.M. Pei and Tiger Woods all have in common? They are all prominent Asian Pacific Americans, and May is the month to recognize them and the many others who share in bringing their culture to such a diverse America and Davis-Monthan.

For D-M, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month means celebrations, cultural festivities and a chance to educate the masses on the prominent figures both in the military and outside of the mili-

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Airman ready to deploy as a U.S. citizen

By Tech. Sgt. Bil Seaman
43rd Electronic Combat Squadron

April 2, at 10:05 a.m., Airman 1st Class Oliver Cook became an American citizen.

Airman Cook is an information management journeyman assigned to the 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron. Formerly a citizen of Tonga, a Polynesian island in the South Pacific, he made the decision more than six months ago to pursue U.S. citizenship because he was limited in his Air Force career without it.

"This day is very important to me," said the tearful Airman from the courtroom podium as he addressed the throng of well wishers. "Now I can go to war with my squadron to help fight the Global War on Terrorism." More than 30 members from the 43rd ECS attended the naturalization ceremony to lend support to their fellow squadron member.

The Honorable Glenda Edmonds, U.S. District Court of Arizona, administered the Order of Ad-

mission to Citizenship to the 24-year old Airman and 65 other candidates from 18 different countries at the District Court Building on East Congress Street downtown.

Her Honor said that the citizens now have the freedom and liberty to pursue opportunity and the responsibility to preserve freedom and liberty as she welcomed them into the great melting pot of the American family.

A visibly nervous Airman Cook sat in a packed courtroom waiting for the ceremony commencement. Although most of his squadron is currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, many of those remaining sat in the jury's box near him, available for moral support. When the Hon. Edmonds arrived, Charles Portillo, district adjudications officer designated naturalization

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New citizen, Airman 1st Class Oliver Cook, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron, replaces the fan on a computer to keep the motherboard from over heating.



Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal



Airman Christina Kinsey

Col. Larry Stutzriem, 355th Wing commander, presents Richard Grabowski with the award for the Top Volunteer at D-M. See Page 12 for more information.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people.

Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements.

The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747.

An e-mail can also be sent to: 355th.Wing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil.

Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published.

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Team D-M Mission Spotlight

The 372nd Training Squadron, Detachment 11 at Davis-Monthan has 40 personnel teaching 68 courses that provide mission-essential maintenance training across 12 career fields, supporting six major commands.

The courses taught are Aerospace Ground Equipment, A-10, EC-130, HH-60, F-16 and Department of Defense Miniature/Micro Miniature Circuit Card Repair. Detachment 11 manages the Air Force's only A-10 Mission Ready Airman School that provides initial skills training for 248 crew chiefs every year.

The detachment assists maintainers with technical advice or lends troubleshooting expertise. Field training detachments like the 372nd are located at 44 bases around the world.

Staff Sgt. Steven Melton, an A-10 Mission ready instructor at the 372nd Training Squadron, has Airman 1st Class Jason McLendon follow along as they prepare for an A-10 aircraft launch.



Airman Christina Kinsey



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riders, i.e., All motorcycle riders, both driver and passenger, will wear a brightly colored vest with reflective material i.e., orange, red, green or yellow over their clothing while the machine is being operated.

The D-M Supplement to AFI 36-2903 severely limits the wear of more protective equipment while a motorcycle operator/ rider is in uniform. We plan to initiate changes to this supplement which will allow military personnel in uniform to wear personal protective equipment in accordance with guidelines prescribed in Department of Defense Instruction 6055.4, AFI 91-207 and the D-M Supplement — as long as PPE does not bear any logos, designs, or slogans considered to be offensive or obscene. Additionally, provisions will be added allowing wearing PPE from the motorcycle to the entrance of the work area during inclement weather.

The revised D-M Supplement will allow either vest or jackets and will provide day-time and night-time definitions of what is acceptable. This will allow wear of various padded and armored vest and/or jackets which have reflective qualities and are brightly colored.

We appreciate your comments and understand your concern for your safety and the safety of personnel who ride motorcycles. Please bear with us a little longer while we straighten out these supplements and get the desired requirements published.

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355th MDG begins new PCE model

To improve health care services and to meet mandates of the Air Force Surgeon General, the 355th Medical Group will implement the Primary Care Element initiative Saturday.

The PCE initiative will realign the primary care services into distinct elements by squadrons. The health care delivery model being executed mirrors the model that has successfully been used in flight medicine for years.

Each PCE will be responsible for providing health care to the TRICARE beneficiaries enrolled to it. The PCEs will be composed of complimentary medical resources such as physicians, nurse practitioners, physician extenders, nurses and other support staff. The teams will be responsible for meeting the health care needs of their enrolled populations.

Squadron enrollment to a PCE is designed to improve medical readiness and force health by making PCEs directly responsible for the health and welfare of the assigned units.

Capt. John Altevers, 355th Medical Operations Squadron group practice manager said, "The PCE initiative is designed to improve patient continuity and to reduce the confusion to patients when their Primary Care Manager deploys or (has a permanent change of station). The high operations tempo and high provider turnover experienced by the 355th MDG, means

that approximately 10,000 of our enrollees receive a new Primary Care Manager every year."

Under this new program, beneficiaries will be enrolled in a specific PCE (such as the Blue, Copper, or Silver) as opposed to an individual PCM. Customers currently enrolled to a PCM in the Blue Panel, for example, will continue to receive care there, but it will now be known as the Blue Element and care will be delivered by any one of four providers at the element.

This new model will improve continuity and eliminate the need to notify beneficiaries every time a PCM changes. Another benefit is the wait times to make an appointment should be reduced, as it will be easier for medical personnel to book appointments.

Maj. Rob Harris, 355th MDOS associate administrator said, "The 355th MDG will also be using this opportunity to enhance primary care services. In addition, to converting the Blue, Copper and Silver panels to PCEs we will be standing up a new Gold PCE and a Pediatrics PCE. The new Gold element will be stood up consisting of two contracted physicians. The Gold element will compliment the Blue, Silver and Copper elements. In order to popu-

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Airmen receive UCMJ punishment

◆An airman first class from 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to airman, forfeitures of \$668 pay per month for two months (suspended) and 45 days of extra duty for **driving under the influence of alcohol**. This was a violation of Article 111 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

◆An airman first class from 355th Mission Support Squadron received a reduction to airman, forfeitures of \$312 pay, restriction for 14 days, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for **driving under the influence of alcohol and dereliction of duty (underage drinking)**. These were a violation of Articles 92 and 111 of the UCMJ.

◆An airman first class from 612th Air Communications Squadron received a reduction to airman basic and a reprimand for **driving un-**

der the influence of alcohol, dereliction of duty (underage drinking) and for reporting to work while drunk. These were a violation of Articles 111, 92 and 112 of the UCMJ.

◆An airman first class from 355th EMS received a reduction to airman basic and forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for two months (suspended) for **falsifying a medical document**. This was a violation of Article 134 or the UCMJ.

(Editor's note: Information courtesy the 355th Wing Judge Advocate Office. The same offense can result in different punishments for each offender. The offender's commander considers several factors when determining punishment, which includes: the offender's service record, previous incidents, seriousness of the offense and impact on unit discipline, cohesion and morale.)

News Notes

Red Cross Blood Drive

Blood supplies are low all over the world. The Red Cross is sponsoring a blood drive Wednesday at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information or to make an appointment, call Lydia Parker at 228-3131.

Craycroft Visitor Center parking

The 355th Security Forces Squadron is enforcing the 30-minute parking limit at the Craycroft Gate Visitor's Center. Violators can expect to be ticketed.

Terrorism history

April 1, 1993 unidentified assailants kidnapped and killed one of India's top heart surgeons who was later revealed to be a leading member of the militant Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front. Kashmiri militants accused Indian security forces of the act. The Indian authorities denied the charges.

National Police Week

In honor of National Police Week, D-M is celebrating with the community at Heritage Park May 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be helicopters, a variety of law enforcement vehicles, K-9 demonstrations, police hardware, food and lots of fun. Swan Road Gate will be open to the Tucson community, who will park just inside the gate. A shuttle service will be available to bus civilians to Heritage Park for the event. To avoid congestion, base members should access the base through Craycroft Road Gate. Wilmot Road Gate will not be open. A shuttle bus will be available to base residents at Smith and Borman Elementary Schools and the north end of the Base Exchange parking lot. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Scott Legge at 228-2139.

Congressional inquiries

Any person or unit receiving a Congressional inquiry should forward that request for information to the 355th Wing inspector general office, Building 2300, for staffing. For more information, contact Col. William George at 228-3558.



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Casualty Assistance.....228-3686
(After duty hours).....228-3121
Duty Chaplain.....228-5411
(After duty hours).....228-3517
Fire Reporting.....911
Public Affairs.....228-3204
(After duty hours).....228-7400
Fraud Waste and Abuse.....228-3177

Base Operations.....228-4315
Mortuary Officer.....228-5964 or 4414
(After duty hours).....228-3121
Command Post.....228-7400
355th Security Forces Crime Stop.....228-4444
Safety.....228-5558
(After duty hours).....909-0316
Base locator.....228-3347
TIPS Line.....228-TIPS (8477)

50 Days until the ESOHCAMP assessment

Does your shop use hazardous materials? If so, hazardous waste may be generated during shop processes. This waste must be properly disposed of.

Oath

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examiner read the Recommendation for Admission of Candidates to Citizenship. Her Honor read the Order of Admission to Citizenship and Candee Gordon, deputy clerk, administered the Oath of Allegiance while the candidates raised their right hand and repeated the oath.

Once completed, her Honor asked Airman Cook to lead the reading of the Pledge of Allegiance to the newly christened Americans ... an honor that added to the solemnity of his day.

"The (admissions) clerk told me that I would not be able to take the oath until July or August," Airman Cook explained of his selection to lead the pledge. "I asked if there was any way she could squeeze me in earlier and she said I could do it April 2, if I would lead the Pledge of Allegiance. I told her I would sing the National Anthem if I could be naturalized Friday!"

After the pledge, the newly sworn-in Ameri-

cans watched a prerecorded address from President George Bush, who ended his speech with, "thank you and welcome to the American family."

When asked how he felt about the day, the new citizen said, "At first it was just going to be a ceremony – in and out. But then I saw all my squadron members there to witness the ceremony and, to me, it turned into something like the Oscars. It gave me the chills when everyone in my squadron stood up to clap and cheer for me when I was called up to sign my Naturalization Certificate."

Airman Cook said the process took about six months. "The studying came quick for me because I was really passionate about passing the test and becoming a citizen."

He came to America in 1986 with his mother and two sisters when his mother remarried to a naturalized American originally from Tonga. They lived in Spokane, Wash., until Airman Cook enlisted in the Air Force two years ago. He made the decision to join the Air Force because his best friend's father was on active duty and he was impressed with the Air Force way of life and the opportunities it presented. His



Tech. Sgt. Bill Seaman

Airman 1st Class Oliver Cook, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron, recites the Oath of Allegiance administered during a naturalization ceremony recently held at the District Court Building in downtown Tucson, Ariz., making him a U.S. citizen.

father still resides in Tonga.

Now as an American citizen Airman Cook can go to war with his squadron. Now he can perform his civic duty to uphold the all the freedoms that Americans have the opportunity to enjoy.

Culture

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tary. It's a chance to taste authentic Asian Pacific cuisine, a chance to show off varieties of dancing with a luau, lei-making and other crafts too.

President Jimmy Carter signed the Joint Resolution Oct. 2, 1978, and the first Asian Pacific American Heritage Week was celebrated in May 1979. In 1992, the week was expanded to a month-long recognition when President George Bush signed the law permanently designating May of each year as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The law was unanimously supported by both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Activities for the month start May 7 with the Asian Pacific Heritage Association Luau. It's a chance to enjoy Asian Pacific food and delicacies and varieties of dance performances.

"The luau is the high point," said Senior Airman Lanay Dee, a reservist with the 355th Medical Group, and public affairs representative for the D-M Asian Pacific American Heritage Association. "It's very diverse, we have performers who represent different Asian culture to include the University of Arizona Somoan

dancers, the fire dancers, the Hawaiian dancers with the traditional dances and we should also have the Chinese lion dance which will involve the crowd."

They will also have the Japanese Thai-ko drummer, the Korean dancers and as part of the entertainment the Asian Pacific dancers which are made up of some active duty members and dependant wives.

"We worked hard on costumes and entertainment in general," said Airman Dee. "We've been planning and practicing since January for the luau, twice a week on our off time."

May 15 is an Armed Forces Celebration with a free barbecue for dorm residents. The BBQ will consist of Hawaiian style BBQ pork on a stick, rice, Hawaiian punch drink and fruits. This celebration will

also have some sporting events like volleyball, billiards and card games.

May 19 is the lei-making crafts demonstration at the Child Development Center. Volunteers will visit the children at the CDC and teach Hawaiian culture and how to make leis and arts and crafts.

"This year we want to use real flowers, not paper to make the lei's, which should add some excitement for the kids," said Airman Dee.

May 29 from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. is a car show, car wash and free food tasting at the D-M Chapel parking lot. Everyone is invited to view the latest in automobile technology in the Pacific and Asia. Souped-up and turbo-charged four-cylinder cars popular among young adults will be on display. There will also be a jumping castle for kids to play in, a disk-jockey and emcee will provide music and lastly there will be free food tasting for everyone.

"I think this has been a way to bring everybody together and we look forward to this every year," said Dee. "This is definitely a great way to reflect on why we're celebrating our cultures."

For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Alberto Kaltenhauser at 228-1969 or Master Sgt. Dexter Devera at 228-4315.



Medical

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late the Gold PCE we will be re-assigning approximately 3,000 of our retired and other than active duty beneficiaries."

In the long run, this will improve continuity of care for retirees and their dependents, because the Gold PCE will not be affected by active duty providers who PCS or deploy. TRICARE Prime beneficiaries enrolled to the Gold PCE will be mailed a confirmation letter.

"We are excited about the creation of a new Pediatrics PCE and will enroll 4,000 children to this element," said Major Harris.

In order to populate the Pediatrics PCE, approximately 1,000 children in the Primary Care Elements will be moved to Pediatrics. Parents with children who have been enrolled in the Pediatrics PCE will receive a letter notifying them of the change.

"The 355th Medical Group will continue to make changes and adjustments in our practice of medicine so that we continue to provide the 'gold standard' for health care, mission support and service," said Col. Carl Alley, 355th MDG commander.

(Information courtesy of the 355th Medical Group)

Resources at D-M keep members looking out for each other

By Stephanie Ritter

355th Wing Public Affairs

"If someone is having thoughts of self-harm or suicide, or knows someone dealing with these issues, then the individual should seek help immediately," said Capt. Deborah Lozinski, 355th Medical Operations Squadron Life Skills Support Center element chief.

And making sure everyone at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base knows exactly what resources are available to them is vital to the goal of nurturing the base community.

According to Captain Lozinski, two main resources on base for anyone finding themselves on a dark path in life are the life skills center and the base Chapel.

"These two significant resources offer people the option of going to one or the other, or both if needed," said Captain Lozinski. "Some people feel more comfortable speaking with someone who will include the spiritual side of life and death issues. Others don't feel as comfortable, so they might choose life skills."

According to Captain Lozinski, the worst thing that anyone (an active-duty member, spouse, civilian, dependent, etc.) could do is to keep their feelings about suicide a secret.

"Talking with someone and getting the

individual's thoughts and feelings out in the open is very important and the first step for the individual to heal and move away from thoughts of suicide," said Captain Lozinski. "If someone is with a loved one who is thinking about suicide, get help immediately. Don't be afraid to act out of fear of ruining a career. The individual's life that you are concerned about is much more important."

Chaplains bring not only guidance and counseling in times of need but are a confidential resource to protect those in crisis.

"Every communication one-on-one with a chaplain is absolutely confidential; meaning the sharing of the communication is privileged and can only be shared with the express permission of the person who communicated with a chaplain," said Chaplain (Capt.) John VanderKaay, 355th Wing.

It is through sharing that an individual may begin to see a light at the end of the tunnel.

"Crisis has a way of making people feel isolated," said Chaplain VanderKaay. "[We] try to help people realize that they are not alone. Especially in the military, we always have someone to turn to. From supervisors to shirts, chaplains to psychologists, we are here to help. All it takes is a request for assistance and many people stand ready to help anytime, anywhere."

In addition to life skills and the Chapel, more than 200 members of the Davis-Monthan community have also received Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training. The training helps train anyone interested from commanders to first-term Airmen to civilians to be front line interveners in the lives of those around them.

But simply knowing the resources available at D-M is not the only thing people should do in order to ensure each member of the Desert Lightning community remains safe.

"Every member of the D-M community needs to be vigilant in their efforts to support the other members of their community," said Captain Lozinski. "It takes each one of us, not just the Chapel or life skills, to put forth the effort to make the kind of difference that is necessary to decrease the number of suicides at D-M. People think it takes a tremendous amount of energy to make a difference when it really only takes a little bit of effort and taking the time to really open our eyes and ears to our community."

(Editor's note: In recognition of National Mental Health Month and Suicide Prevention Week Monday through May 7, this is part two of a series of articles on suicide prevention resources available at Davis-Monthan.)

Innovative idea wins 355th SVS ACC Award

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Clark
355th Wing Public Affairs
and Senior Airman Barbra Franks
10th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

While being fit to fight and physically ready to fight when called upon could not be more important to military members, the number of work place injuries in the Air Force still remains high.

According to Maj. Gen. Earl Mabry, II, commander of the Air Force Medical Operations Agency, work related injuries account for more than 40 percent of the Air Force's \$119 million annual cost of workman's compensation. Not to mention the loss of productivity that makes the mission harder to accomplish.

Recently, the Air Combat Command safety evaluation team recognized Dave Ruiz, 355th SVS Inn on Davis-Monthan housekeeping team manager, for the innovative steps he took to reducing work related injuries.

Mr. Ruiz had a fitness center trainer come to lodging to teach proper lifting and stretching techniques to the lodging housekeeping staff, said Dan Baker 355th SVS Inn on Davis-



Airman Christina Kinsey

Members of the 355th Services Squadron Inn on Davis-Monthan's housekeeping team stretch before working. The staff recieved an Air Combat Command award for using innovative methods to make their jobs safer.

Monthan general manager.

Using proper stretching techniques is key to reducing the number of injuries received on the job while lifting.

"A body that is accustomed to stretching is going to be more flexible than one that is not used to stretching. A flexible body can withstand extra effort. On the other hand, a body that is stiff and tight will be put in a situation it has never experienced before and that is

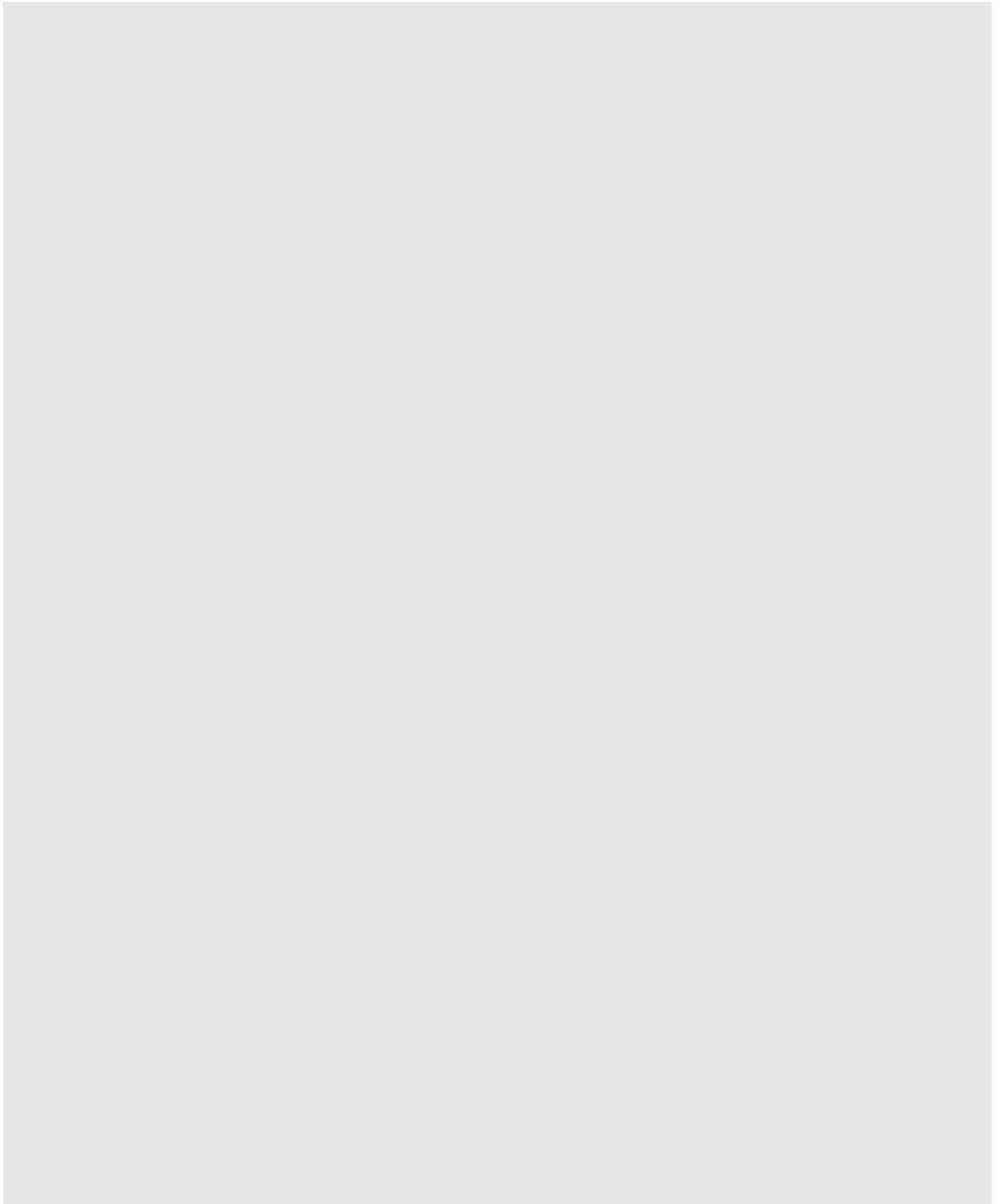
when injuries occur," said Cesar Vinueaz, Health and Wellness Center fitness program manager.

"It is recommended to warm up and stretch five to ten minutes before you start your physical activity," said Mr. Vinueaz. "The best stretches are called static stretches. During these stretches the individual reaches a certain position to the point of mild tension and holds it for 10 to 20 seconds. This can be done once or twice on the same muscle group. It all depends on the intensity of the activity that follows your stretches."

As an incentive for the housekeeping staff to put this knowledge to work, Mr. Ruiz developed a program to reward the staff. For going 90 days without a work place injury, he said he would host a barbecue for them, said Mr. Baker.

The training received by the staff provided them the key to breaking Mr. Ruiz's goal of 90 days without a workplace injury.

The lodging housekeeping staff has set a positive example to base personnel by proving taking a few extra minutes to stretch can help keep members of team D-M fit to fight.



Civil engineers continue to enhance combat capability, quality-of-life in Afghanistan

By Master Sgt. Jeff Szczechowski
455th Expeditionary Operations Group

AFGHANISTAN – There's been some talk lately about "rockin' and rollin'" and getting in a rhythm here. The words aren't used to describe a morale-boosting concert for the men and women but a reference to how the 455th Expeditionary Operations Group civil engineer flight has been going about its business.

Civil engineering teams seem to be everywhere at once. In a few weeks, the CE professionals have been building revetments on the flightline to protect the A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft parked there; have painted taxiway and parking ramp lines to ensure safe aircraft movement; they've laid the foundations for new aircraft hangars and maintenance workshops, consolidating A-10 support operations into a closer circle; they're breaking up and laying concrete to improve and expand the flightline; and they've been overseeing the construction of numerous B-huts to centralize the quarters of all Air Force personnel within the installation walls.

Lt. Col. Bob LaBrutta, 455th Expeditionary Support Squadron commander, said that all the work being done by the CE flight is crucial from both an operational standpoint and from

a quality-of-life perspective.

"CE plays a vital role in both the combat and support missions of the 455th EOG," he said. "Without them, there would be no infrastructure to billet the personnel here. At the same time, CE ensures the airfield is prepped, prepared and fully ready for our A-10 pilots to execute their missions and to employ weapons on the bad guys, when needed."

Temperature controlled wooden B-huts instead of tents for living quarters; hot showers with water pressure just like back home and flushing toilets are conveniences that were foreign to Airmen here not so very long ago. Because of CE, these creature comforts are now a part of every day life.

While the quality-of-life for personnel deployed here is something leadership is always looking to improve, the airfield remains CE's number one priority, said Colonel LaBrutta.

And that's where 1st Lt. Jason Riebel, the CE flight chief, deployed from the 28th Civil Engineering Squadron at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., comes in. He cited one major CE effort after another, praised his troops and reiterated the importance of maintaining the flightline.

"All of the guys have stepped up and answered the call," said lieutenant Riebel. "They understand the importance of their work and the implications it has on the mission. Everything we do out there on the aircraft ramp directly impacts the A-10 pilots and maintainers and their ability to turn aircraft safely and efficiently."

Despite working very long hours and doing physically demanding jobs that leave them drained by the end of



Photo illustration

Lt. Col. Bob LaBrutta, 455th Expeditionary Support Squadron commander, responds to a command post radio transmission. As the 455th ESS commander, Colonel LaBrutta oversees the 455th Expeditionary Operations Group civil engineer flight, communications flight, services flight and personnel support for contingency operations. He is deployed from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base where he is the mission support squadron commander.

the day, morale has been high throughout the flight. Take it from Staff Sergeant Kendall Long, deployed here from the 28th CES, and Airman 1st Class Richard Nash, deployed from the 50th Civil Engineer Squadron, Schriever Air Force Base, Colo.

"I'm glad we're here. We've got work to do. It's all about getting dirty, going home tired, but feeling good about it," said Sergeant Long. "You don't get this kind of work back home."

Airman Nash added that the mission at Schriever is more about base maintenance and upkeep, and not so much about the hands-on construction that he's been able to do here. He said he enjoys doing the type of work that's been put in front of him while deployed. Plus, "we're making an impact on the war on terrorism," he said.

The CE flight goes at it day in and day out, full speed ahead, like a well-oiled machine. Progress isn't measured in days and weeks, but in minutes and hours. How do they do it?

"The mentality with 'dirt boys' is once they get in a rhythm, and everyone finds their spot, what they do best, everyone just seems to work well together," said Tech. Sergeant Jason Kreutzer, NCO in charge of airfield projects here, and deployed from the 28th CES.

Like seemingly everyone else at here, Sergeant Kreutzer said that being at the tip of the spear motivates him.

"We're going after Bin Laden, and being here, we're at the forward front of the assault," he said. Rockin' and rollin'.



Master Sgt. Jeff Szczechowski

Staff Sgt. Gregory Lund, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group civil engineer, edges the newly-poured concrete on the Delta South A-10 Thunderbolt II parking ramp in Afghanistan. In the background is one of the revetments that the civil engineer is constructing to protect A-10s deployed to support the Global War on Terrorism. Sergeant Lund is deployed from the 50th Civil Engineering Squadron, Schriever Air Force Base, Colo.

Air Force announces Thrift Savings Plan open season

Civilian and military employees can sign up for, or change, their Thrift Savings Plan contribution amounts during the 'open season' April 15 through June 30.

"Investing takes knowledge," said Clayton Moore, 355th Mission Support Group volunteer resource program manager. "It isn't about luck or the roll of the dice, TSP is a pathway to that knowledge. The more an individual knows about how TSP works, the greater their knowledge will be on other, potential money making investments."

Master Sgt. Felipe Ortiz, superintendent of the contact center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas said, "TSP is a long-term retirement savings plan, which everyone should consider. It's a great supplement to military and civilian retirement plans."

"It's also important to note that TSP is not limited to investing in stocks," said Sergeant Ortiz. "People can choose safer government securities as well."

This open season applies only to regular TSP contributions. It does not include TSP catch-up contributions, as they are not tied to open seasons, according to Janet Thomas, of AFPC's civilian benefits and entitlements service team.

Investors have the chance to receive lower taxes each year they contribute while not pay-

ing taxes on earnings until they retire.

"Eligible employees can take out loans and make in-service withdrawals from their TSP accounts," said Ms. Thomas. "And you can keep your account, even if you leave military or federal civilian service."

Investment money is deposited directly from each paycheck "so you never have to think about it," said Sergeant Ortiz. "That makes it easy to 'pay yourself first' while only investing what you deem appropriate."

The five TSP funds are: the Government Securities Investment (G) Fund; the Common Stock Index Investment (C) Fund; the Fixed Income Index Investment (F) Fund; the Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment (S) Fund; and the International Stock Index Investment (I) Fund.

"As with any individual retirement account, the sooner you begin contributing, the better," said Ms. Thomas.

Contribution elections/changes made between April 15 and June 12 will take effect June 13 for military and civilian personnel. Changes made on or after June 13 will become effective at the beginning of the pay period following the one in which the election is made for civilians and the following month for military.

Military members can enroll through the

Defense Finance and Accounting Service Web site at <http://www.dfas.mil/emss/> or they can complete the form TSP-U-1 at the military personnel flight, finance office or family support center. Specific TSP information is available for Air Force military personnel at http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift_savings_plan.htm.

Specific information is available for civilian employees through the Thrift Savings Web site at <http://www.tsp.gov/> or the BEST homepage at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST/menu.htm>.

The Thrift Savings Plan has announced several changes to the loan program effective July 1. The changes include a \$50 fee deduction from the amount of each new loan. Participants will no longer be able to have two general purpose loans at the same time. However, participants will still be able to have one general purpose and one residential loan. When participants pay off one loan, they will not be eligible to apply for another loan for 60 days.

"TSP is one of the few investments that make money the minute you place money into it," said Mr. Moore. "It's not complicated and you, versus someone else, decide the level of risk you are willing to take." (*Information courtesy of the Air Force Personnel Center*)

Being a good coach means leading by example

By Maj. Kevin Umbaugh

1st Maintenance Operations Squadron commander

You are on your way to the base exchange to get a money order to pay for that new truck hat rack you scored on E-Bay last night.

As you are about to pull into a prime parking spot, close to the entrance, you suddenly say a few choice words because somebody has rudely and carelessly left a cart in the parking spot.

Since you are driving your brand new truck with an extended bed and a 'cow pusher' on the front you know you can easily "win the fight" with that little cart. However, you do the right thing and get out of your truck, move the cart and then park. You then take the cart back into the exchange. Several people walk by and see the whole thing.

As you walk the cart back into the exchange you notice a burrito wrapper blowing across the asphalt. Evidently, somebody has decided to use the parking lot as a trash can.

You stop pushing the cart, bend down and

pick it up. Again, several people pass by and see your actions. As you walk through the automatic doors you throw the wrapper in the trash can and return the cart to the cart corral.

You press on to the cashier's cage and get the money order. After buying a magazine, a snack and a soda from the food court, you head back to your truck so you can mail that money order.

As you get back into your truck and fire it

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Final Answer

If you could make a change in the dorms, what would it be?



**Airman 1st Class
Robert Graham**
355th Civil Engineer Squadron

"It would be nice to have balls for both pool tables, micro-waves and satellite television in all the rooms."



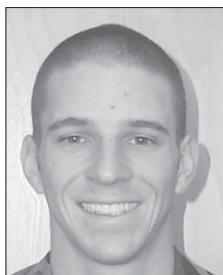
**Airman
Luis Ramirez**
612th Communications Squadron

"I would make the dorms bigger and have cable installed in every room if I could make a change to the dorms."



**Airman 1st Class
Jose Bahena**
355th Civil Engineer Squadron

"If I could make a change in the dorms I would change the dayrooms because they need better furniture."



**Airman
Troy Sergeant**
612th Air Communications Squadron

"I think the addition of some public computers in one of the day rooms for checking Web mail and personal research like the library would be nice because it would be more accessible."



**Airman Basic
Daniel Buckley**
25th Operational Weather Squadron

"The dorms would be better if the kitchens had more pots and pans. I would also put better fitness equipment in the dorms."



**Airman 1st Class
Patrick Connor**
43rd Electronic Combat Squadron

"I would target the day rooms. I would set aside one of them to turn into some kind of party room so that there would be a clean day room available at all times."

Leadership

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up, Willy Nelson and Ray Charles begin to belt out "Seven Spanish Angels," you reflect on what just happened.

You were very irritated that irresponsible individuals were too busy to put the cart where it belonged, and somebody could not find a trash can so they used the street. However, you did not use the failings of others to keep you from doing the right thing.

As Willy plays and Ray sings the chorus, you think to yourself, returning the cart and picking up the trash was the right thing to do.

In the process, maybe you coached the

people who saw your actions. Maybe the people who saw you are the type of people who so rudely leave carts in parking spots. Maybe they are the type of people that fail to rebound their trash when it rims out of the can. Maybe they are the people who flick cigarette butts into the rocks two feet away from a butt can. Regardless, you did the right thing and set the example.

Willy is singing now as Ray plays, and you remember what the number one rule of coaching is — **never pass up a chance to coach**. Meaning, if a player does something wrong, immediately correct their behavior. Demonstrate to them the proper way to execute and then have them attempt it. Never allow them to get away with a mistake. If you do, you reinforce the incorrect behavior.

In the military we call this form of coaching "leadership by example." However, a person does not have to be a commander, a flight chief or a shift supervisor to set the example.

The military has informal leaders in every squadron, every flight and every section. In the Air Force everybody can coach by doing the right thing all the time.

You realize Willy and Ray are now singing the chorus for the final time so you hit the replay button on your CD player so you can enjoy a great classic on your way to the post office to mail that money order.

As Willy starts singing again, you pull into a prime spot parking spot at the post office and you notice somebody in a hurry has parked their car illegally. What are you going to do, coach?

Thanks to the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance volunteers

The 40 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance volunteers at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base worked 4,600 hours from Jan. 1 to April 15 this year and completed more than 5,000 federal and state income tax returns. Their time and knowledge saved D-M members more than \$220,000. For those returning home from deployments who need tax assistance, call 228-3489 and leave a message for an appointment. The VITA volunteers will schedule appointments to be done during the summer months.

Marcus Johnson (left), one of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Volunteer Income Tax Assistance volunteers, enjoys the food and gratitude provided to all VITA volunteers, while Capt. Tim Rushenberg, 355th Wing legal office, talks with Ray Griffith, a VITA volunteer at the appreciation luncheon April 23.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Tammie Clark

New commander

Lt. Col. Michael Poole (left), 563rd Operations Support Squadron commander, talks to Master Sgt. Bryan Kashmenn, 563rd OSS, about their new building. Colonel Poole and the 563rd OSS support the 563rd Rescue Group, providing intelligence, training, scheduling, life support, weapons and tactics, operations and logistics planning support as well as flight records management for six squadrons at Davis-Monthan and Nellis Air Force Base. Colonel Poole assumed command of the 563rd OSS Oct. 1.



Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

FOD fighter winners

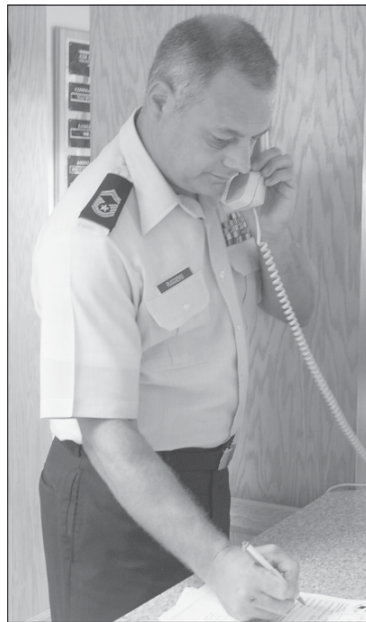
Congratulations to the following Airmen who were the 355th Wing's foreign object damage winners for the quarter.

FOD fighter winners

Staff Sgt. Aaron Weslow, 355th Component Maintenance Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Edwin White**, 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Senior Airman Shannon Sheridan**, 355th AMXS

FOD Poster

Master Sgt. Craig Gorowsky, 355th AMXS



Airman Christina Kinsey

ACC names services SNCO IMA winner

Senior Master Sgt. John Ruggiero, Jr., 355th Services Squadron, takes a call at the front desk of the Davis-Monthan Inn. Sergeant Ruggiero received the Air Combat Command's Senior NCO Individual Mobilization Augmentee for the 2004 ACC Services Individual Award.

Volunteer award winners

In a banquet held April 17 at The Mirage Officers' Club, 13 volunteer agencies submitted their top volunteers to compete for volunteer of the year. From April 2003 to March 2004 the volunteers served 106,970 hours and saved the base \$1,016,215.

All the volunteers that were nominated received a certificate and a leather note pad with the volunteer logo. Additionally the award winners received a glass carved award. The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base volunteer of the year received a parking pass for the year at the commissary and Base Exchange and a \$200 savings bond from Bank of America.

D-M Volunteer of the Year:

Richard Grabowski, 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Airman's Attic: Demorrio Paris

Borman Elementary School:

GeorgeAnn Sauers

Chapel: Krystle Marts

Clinic: Richard Grabowski

Enlisted Spouses Association:

Blanche Bonnell

Family Support Center: Marcia

Belding

Girl Scouts of America: Sherry Bullis

Legal Office: Kirk Carpenter

Lowel H. Smith Elementary School:

Rhonda Gregory

Officers' Spouses Club:

Kathleen Muhlauer

Retiree Activities Office: Bill Love

Services Squadron: Tony Lozano

Thrift Shop: Group Award

Sonoran Spotlight



(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Desert Lightning community. Members are nominated by their unit commander or first sergeant.)

Name: Senior Airman Mina Grossinger

Organization: 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Duty title: Information management journeyman

Hometown: Corpus Christi, Texas

Years of service: Four

Reason for joining the Air Force: Education and to make it out on my own

Main responsibilities: I work in the orderly room and do many duties to include updating the immunizations roster, awards and decorations, retirement and duty status reporting.

Best aspect of job: I enjoy

working with great people.

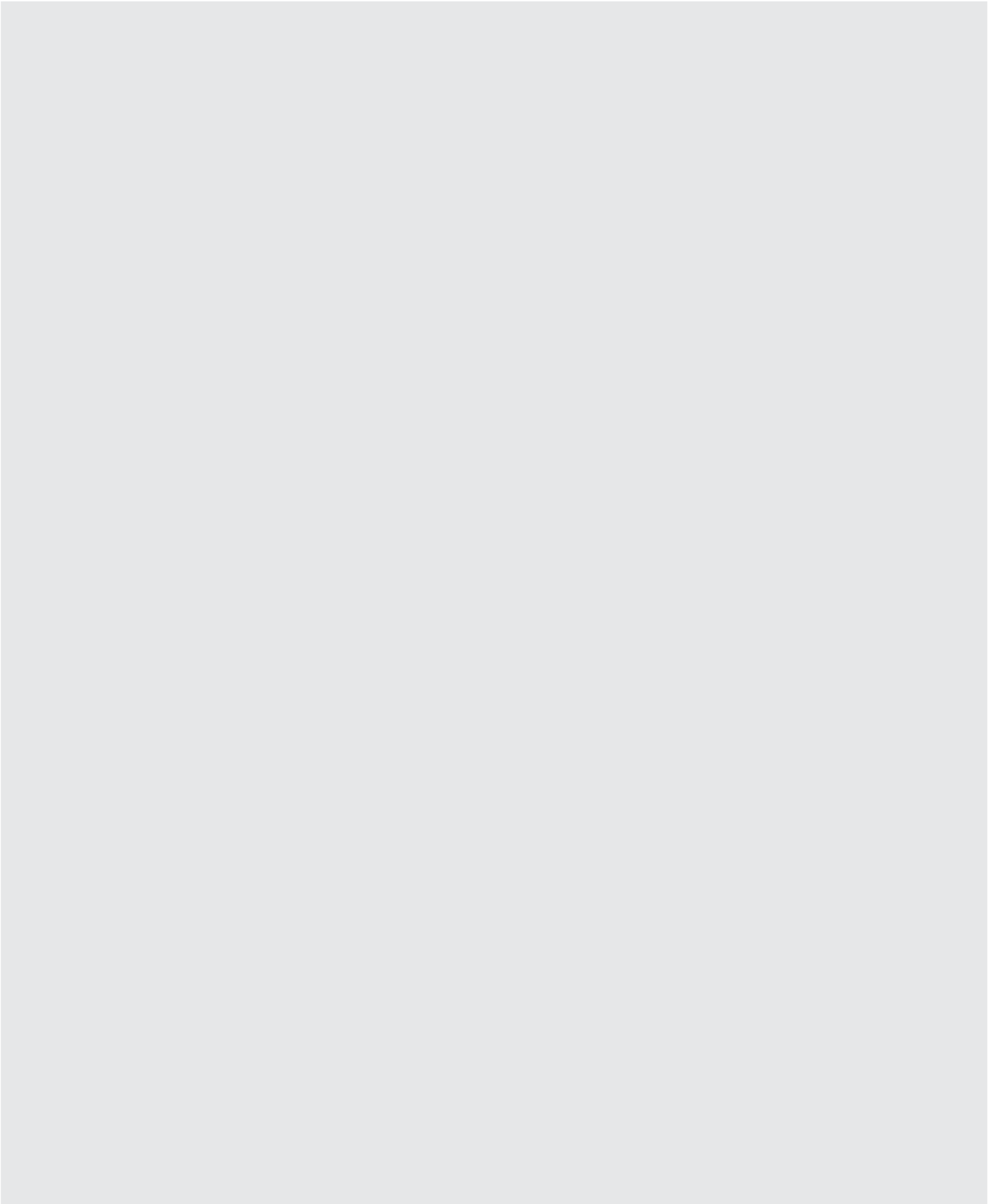
Goals: I want to become a head chef because I have a passion for cooking. I love hearing that my food is good.

Hobbies/outside activities: I enjoy spending time with friends and family.

Favorite thing about D-M: I met my husband here.

Best assignment: Kunsan, Korea because it my first base.

Inspiration: I admire Buffy the Vampire Slayer, because she deals with everyday issues of trying to survive and also making sure her friends and family are taken care of. She puts others before herself.



Developing future enlisted leadership

“Challenging students to accept leadership responsibility by instilling integrity, service and excellence”

By Staff Sgt. Troy Hawkes
355th Wing Public Affairs

Thick silence dominates the air. Like showers of beads at Mardi Gras, thin drops of perspiration appear on the strained faces of students; then travel on their downward course, traversing the wrinkled lines of concentration masking those faces. Number two pencils furiously scratch at endless answer sheets, while erasers wielded by wavering hands undo the pencils' efforts in hopes of gaining one more point. After a seeming eternity, the final oval on the answer sheet is marked in. The students' joyful exhalation resounds throughout the room, the epitome of relief. They can breathe again. Diligent work is rewarded as the final test of the current Airman Leadership Class at Davis-Monthan is concluded.

All Airmen attend ALS as part of the transition process into the NCO corps. The 191 hour course consists of five weeks, 24 academic days, of instruction in multiple categories, according to Tech. Sgt. David Busby, ALS instructor and former United States Air Force Honor Guard instructor. Approximately 385 students pass through the D-M ALS halls annually.

The ALS curriculum includes leadership, profession of arms and communication.

Airmen attending ALS learn volumes of information relating to their supervisory responsibilities. “Instructors teach Airmen to become not just an E-5, but an NCO,” said Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Ellis, ALS instructor and former 355th Services Squadron NCO. “It is important for them to know what the true responsibilities of a staff sergeant are.”

In addition to teaching Air Force supervisory skills, ALS also reinforces the 355th Wing's goal of developing and nurturing Airmen.

“Develop and nurture your Airmen,” is what Col. [Larry] Stutzriem, [355th Wing commander] says. We do that for them while they're in ALS and they learn how to do that for their Airmen before officially becoming a rating supervisor,” said Staff Sgt. MiaFarah Kelly, ALS instructor and former First Term Airman Center deputy flight chief.

Air Force needs leaders who genuinely care about their troops and ALS makes that happen, said Sergeant Busby.

“We develop and nurture by being firm but fair. We teach them (students) by example and hold them responsible for their actions; good or bad,” said Master Sgt. Dana Wood,

ALS instructor and former Health and Wellness Center NCO.

Airman Leadership School also prepares Airmen to deploy by reinforcing why it is so important to know how national security, terrorism and projection of air power relates to them and their future troops, said Sergeant Ellis. By learning these lessons in depth, an Airman's preparation level for deployment is increased.

Installation stewardship is also reinforced by ALS. Airmen are tasked to clean the area surrounding the ALS building daily; resulting in a top-notch, professional looking environment.

Multiple agencies around base and the local community have benefited from ALS. Every class is responsible for putting together a class activity that benefits a worthy cause. Past classes have held an Airman's attic furniture drive, an enlisted food locker fundraiser and a car wash to raise money for the Mt. Lemmon fire victims, according to Sergeants Wood and Ellis.



The main responsibility of ALS students is to learn, and according to the students, that is exactly what they do.

“I learned that there is more to being an NCO than I thought. I thought transitioning from a senior airman to a staff sergeant was going to be smooth and quite simple. ALS has been a re-bluing experience for me,” said Senior Airman Carliss Burdine, ALS student and 355th Civil Engineer Squadron troop.

“[Airman Leadership School] has helped me grow as a person and overcome some fears that I might not otherwise have had to face,” said Senior Airman Stephen Zimmer, ALS student and 355th Component Maintenance Squadron troop. “It has allowed me to blossom as a leader.”

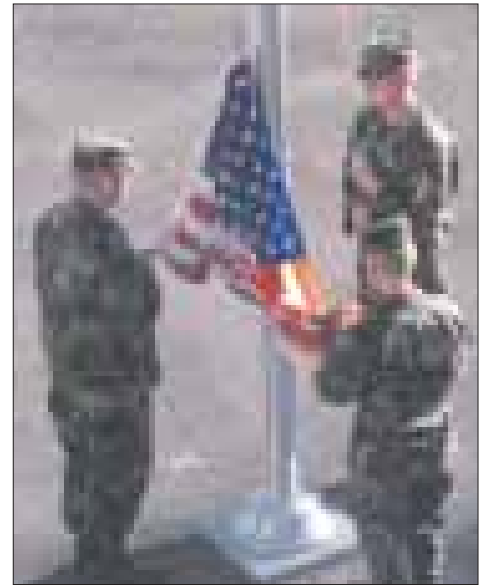
Teamwork is stressed as an important element for survival in the course. The students learn to work together and operate from the group mindset, rather than the individual.

“I will most definitely miss how the class has bonded together as a team,” said Senior Airman Nicholas Robertson, ALS student and 357th Aircraft Maintenance Unit troop.

“We've all become so close since we're always together to help each other through the next steps.”

For Airman Burdine, graduation will probably be the fondest memory of ALS, because the entire class will be reaching the finish line together, he said.

The school's curriculum is designed to



Staff Sgt. Tammie Clark

Part of the daily routine at Airman Leadership School is performing reveille and retreat. From left to right, Senior Airmen Ryan Allard, Nicholas Robertson and Dustin Bristol, ALS students, prepare to raise the flag.

push students' limits, said Sergeant Busby. Almost continuous papers, tests and verbal skills evaluations make ALS a sometimes stressful, fast paced environment. The instructors however, do add a little fun into the mix.

Students and instructors have fun with the clean practical jokes that the students play on the instructors, such as the water gun fights in the hallway and having our mascots hijacked. Of course, the instructors have fun pulling pranks on students and fellow instructors, said Sergeant Wood.

“My fondest memory of ALS thus far is the stress relief exercises (the water gun fights) in Sergeant Wood's class,” said Senior Airman Candace Malinowski, ALS student and 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron troop.

The instructors pride themselves on the ability to have fun in class and still teach in a professional manner, said Sergeant Ellis.

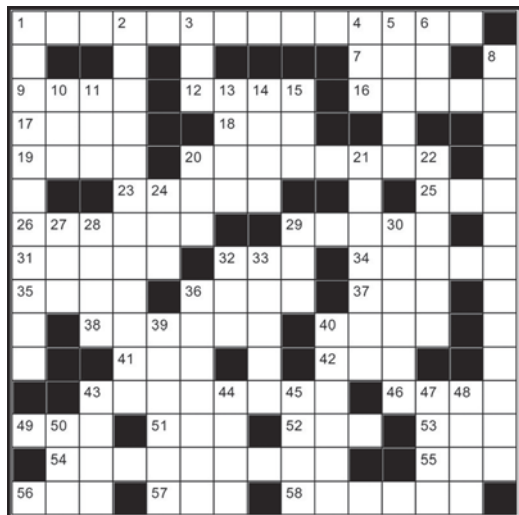
The right mindset and attitude will ensure a fun and rewarding educational experience for ALS students. They will invariably have to put in much hard work to make it through the grueling coursework of ALS. This is a fact that the instructors recognize as much as the students.

“They will have most definitely earned their diploma at the end of five weeks,” said Sergeant Busby. “Like I tell my troops, ‘they better come with the thunder.’”

Across the Air Force

By 1st. Lt. Tony Wickman

Alaskan Command Public Affairs



Across

1. North Carolina AFB home to 4th FW; a/c tail marking of SJ
7. Used to indicate understanding of a statement
9. Org. concerned with civil liberties
12. Singer Fitzgerald
16. (Army) NASCAR driver
17. Light up a sign?
18. Basketball play, alley-___
19. Used as an escape?
20. Mississippi AFB home to 14th FTW; a/c tail marking of CB
23. Heart artery
25. Center of activity
26. Keeness
29. Michael Jackson informally
31. French and Trumpet
32. High-speed Internet access (abbrev.)
34. A people in north-eastern Afghanistan

35. King of Queens star Remini
36. Late night host
37. Joint Pub 1-02 acronym for a type of depository account
38. Scene
40. Equal
41. Army equivalent to AFSC
42. Writer Rand
43. Wyoming AFB home to 90th SW; a/c tail marking of FE
46. Wiley E. Coyote's supplier?
49. Fed. org. concerned with flying safety
51. School in Be'er Sheva, Israel (abbrev.)
52. Aloha gift?
53. Linseed or vegetable
54. Kansas AFB home to 22nd ARW
55. Former California fort
56. Perfect
57. Agreeable answer

58. Avoid capture

Down

1. German AB home to 52nd FW; a/c tail marking of SP
2. Idaho AFB home to 366th FW; a/c tail marking of MO
3. Southwest Native American tribe
4. Persona ___ grata; unwelcome
5. Seaworld attraction
6. Rumsfeld's office symbol
8. Florida site home to 16th SOW
10. Company head
11. Mauna ___
13. Steal
14. *Run ___ Run* (1999 film)
15. *The Simpsons* character
20. Sob
21. Colorado AFB home to 140th FW; a/c tail marking of CO
22. Ram's horn
24. USAF commissioning source
27. Olympic gold medal runner Sebastian ___
28. Russian mountain range
29. Nickname for Jennifer Lopez
30. Japan AB home to 18th WG; a/c tail marking of ZZ
32. State home to Dover AFB
33. Scowl
36. Garfield's favorite food?
39. Dallas player
40. Boards
43. Visage
44. Gallops
45. Fashion magazine
47. Henhouse
48. Marsh
50. USAF MAJCOM tasked with airlift

(The solutions are located on Page 24.)

Desert
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Freebies



With this coupon, receive 10 percent off the purchase of any Mother's Day gift baskets at the Davis-Monthan Arts and Crafts Center.

One coupon per customer. Expense to GLAC 752 A5. Expires May 14.

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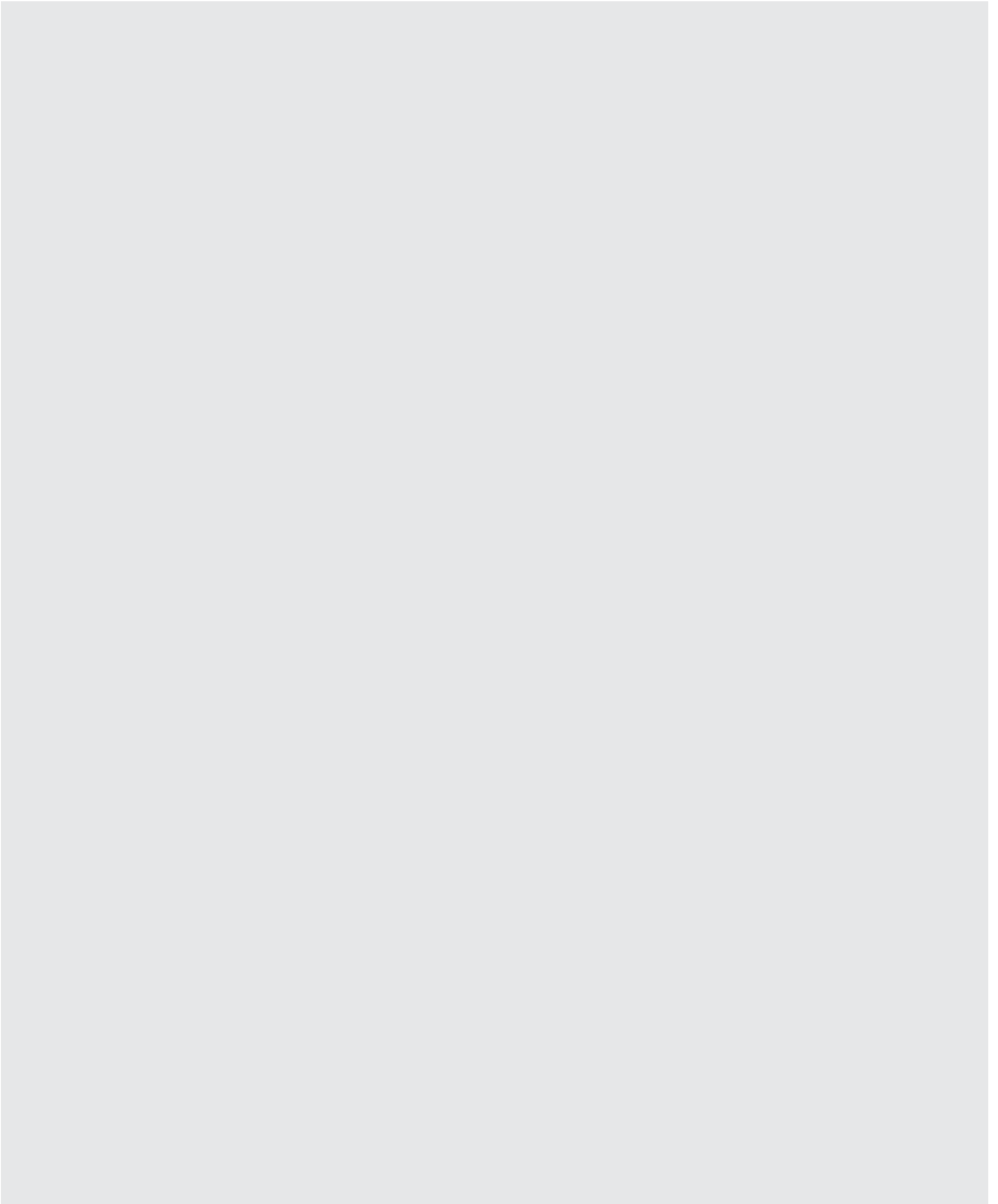
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**1st Place:****355th Maintenance Group:**

Master Sgt. Brian Leckband, Master Sgt. Matthew Saugstad, Tech. Sgt. Scott Taylor and Tech. Sgt. Scott Cox

2nd Place:**12th Air Force:**

Photos by Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

Chief Michael Lane, Chief Master Sgt. Terry Boeder, Chief Master Sgt. Michael Lane and Tech. Sgt. Kevin Powell

3rd Place:**355th Maintenance Operation Squadron:**

Chief Master Sgt. Steven Frederick, Master Sgt. David Rauer, Staff Sgt. Christopher

Golfing for a good cause

Staff Sgt. Sean Wakeman (right) gently putts his ball and Tech Sgt. Kevin Kading (left) swings for the green during the Air Force Assistance fund golf tournament April 23. Both are from the 355th Maintenance Group.

This year's Air Force Assistance Fund golf tournament was one of many events held to raise money for the AFAF. More than \$ 2,500 was raised from the event.

The money collected will be equally divided between the four Air Force Assistance Fund charities: The Air Force Indigent Widow's Fund, The Air Force Aid Society, The General and Mrs. Curtis E. Lemay Foundation and the Air Force Enlisted Foundation.

For more information, contact your unit representative or visit the official Web site at <http://afassistancefund.org/>.



Caltrider and Dr. Larry Howery

Closest to the pin:

Kelly Panterfoeder,
355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Longest drive:

Senior Airman Jon Colwell,
355th Medical Support Squadron

Sports Shorts**Blanchard Golf Course
new seasonal rates**

Starting May 1, the Blanchard Golf Course will offer reduced rates. Starting at 11 a.m., a cart and green fees are only \$18. At 1 p.m. the rate is reduced to \$15 and from 3 p.m. to close the rate is \$12. For more information or to reserve your tee time, call 228-3734.

D-M Armed Forces Kid's Run

The Davis-Monthan Community and Youth centers are organizing the first D-M Armed Forces Kid's Run May 22 from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. at the D-M Fitness and Sports Center's outdoor track. The program is targeted at children 5 to 13 years of age to build their self-esteem and fitness in a fun, safe and secure environment.

Register online at any computer at www.americaskidsrun.org or at computers at the following locations: youth center, community center or the D-M Library. The first 75 kids to register receive a free "Kid's Run" t-shirt.

There will be three age categories and

distances: ages 5 and 6 run one-half mile; ages 7 and 8 run one mile; ages 9 to 13 run two miles. For more information, call the youth center at 228-8484 or the community center at 228-3717.

**Fitness and Sports Challenge
Championships**

The D-M Championships for the Air Combat Command Fitness and Sports Challenge start May 10 and run through May 14. Teams of eight must register no later than May 7 to ensure involvement. Teams may consist of members of different units, but all participants must be active duty.

The challenge consists of six events: 5K run, push-ups, crunches, co-ed volleyball, wacky obstacle course and tug-o-war.

Individual scores will be tallied at the end of the competition and the individuals with the highest overall scores will be selected to represent Davis-Monthan in the ACC Fitness and Sports Challenge at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., June 7 through 11. Four male and female alternates will be identified in case primaries are unable to participate.

Team captains are required to attend a meeting May 10 at 9 a.m. in the fitness center conference room.

For more information or the registration form, contact Staff Sgt. Alvester Johnson or Senior Airman Michael Baab at the fitness and sports center.

Health and Fitness Expo

The 2004 Health and Fitness Expo will be held May 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the new sports and fitness center. A variety of health demonstrations, activities and product samples will be offered throughout the day.

The grand prize of a \$500 gift certificate to Sleep America will be given away to a lucky winner at noon. In addition, more than \$10,000 in prizes will be given away (winners need not be present to win). There will be more than 65 sponsors on hand to answer any health or fitness questions. Non-Profit organizations, such as the American Red Cross, American Diabetes Association, American Lung Association, Donor Network

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of Arizona and Pima County Health Dept. of Family Planning will be in attendance with displays and informative material for all.

For more information, contact Clarissa Geborkoff at 228-6109 or Master Sgt. Kennet Ramey at 228-0022.

Teen Outdoor Adventure Program

This program allows teens to experience outdoor adventure in a fun and positive way. There is a meeting Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. at the youth center for parents and teens interested in participating in the following programs:

- ◆Lake Patagonia, May 22
- ◆Archery Camp, May 24 to 28
- ◆Bike Ride, May 28
- ◆Grand Canyon White Water Rafting, June 17 to 21
- ◆Camp Pendleton, July 22 to 25

Fundraising and general information will be discussed. Programs and trips are subject to change. For more information, call 228-8844.

Grand Canyon rafting

Take the trip of a lifetime down the world-famous lower gorge of the Grand Canyon May 27 through 30.

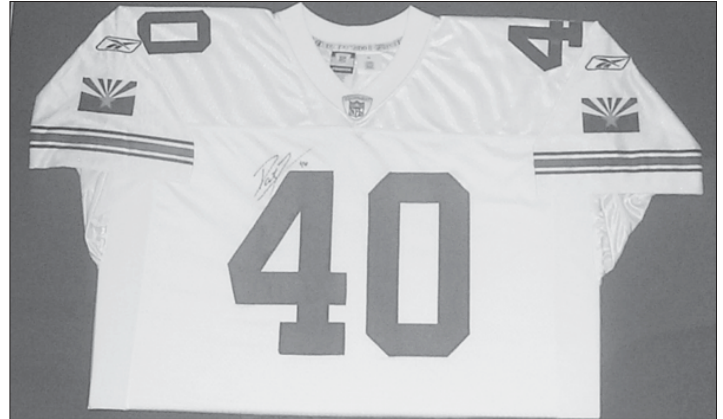
This trip provides a wide variety of excitement from the first day of rapids to floating and relaxing in the smooth current on the second and third days.

A new paddle raft and an inflatable kayak for those wishing to get closer to the adventure has been added. Or, relax on a 16-foot oar powered raft and let the trip leaders do the work.

The cost of \$480 includes equipment, food, permits, transportation and experienced trip leaders.

For more information, call 228-3736.

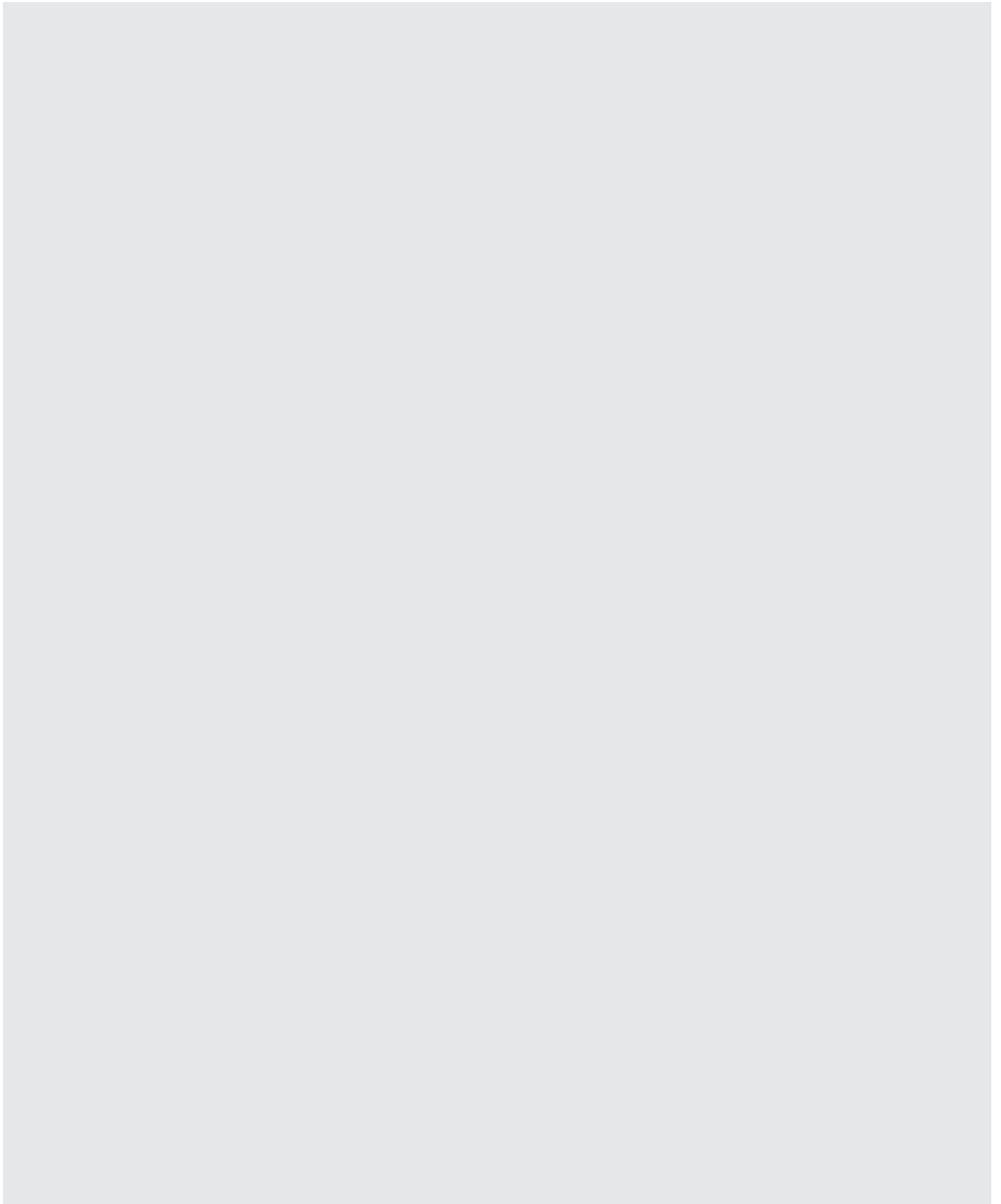
Serving our country on and in the field



2nd Lt. Beth Tucker

When members of the Davis-Monthan community heard that former Arizona Cardinal, Specialist Pat Tillman, died while serving America as an Army Ranger in Afghanistan, many came to the D-M fitness center to remember him.

The signed jersey hanging in the main lobby of the fitness and sports center was donated to D-M by the Arizona Cardinals for the opening of the new facility. "A lady came out with a jersey in a bag and told me 'you know you are very fortunate to be getting this jersey autographed by Pat Tillman, as he will not be playing with the Arizona Cardinals anymore because he is going to join the Army,'" wrote Clarissa Geborkoff, 355th Services Squadron commercial sponsorship representative.



Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.

Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: Mass is at 5 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Daily: Mass is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m. at Desert Dove.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Education Services

Scholarships

American Legion Auxiliary, Morgan McDermott Unit Seven is providing a scholarship for veterans and their dependents who wish to continue their education in accredited academic or vocational schools within the State of Arizona. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of financial need, scholarship, initiative and leadership. Applications are at the base training and education services center and the deadline is May 8. For more information, call 622-8703.

College Level Examination Program

The Air Force will now reimburse the registration fee for the CLEP electronic based test for active-duty members at a military friendly National Test Center. Only tests not available at the base training and education services testing center are eligible for reimbursement. Active duty personnel will have to consult with the school counselor for test applicability and a BTES counselor on the availability of other paper-based tests before taking the CLEP eCBT. For more information about conditions for reimbursement, call Michelle Marinelli at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

Diploma Mill

The Air Force Personnel Center is advising that Trinity College and University is a diploma mill that is trying to scam active duty military personnel. It is not associated with Trinity University located in San Antonio, which is a fully accredited university. All personnel should avoid any dealings with Trinity College and University. For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812.

SAT

An SAT will be given May 21 at 8 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 265. A minimum of five

personnel must sign up or it will be cancelled. To sign up, call 228-3813 or 228-4815.

Family Support Center

Pre-separation Counseling

This class takes place at the family support center Tuesday and May 18 from 9 to 10 a.m. It is mandatory for military members and will acquaint departing members with services and agencies available to help transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 10 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating or retiring or, in special circumstances, as soon as possible. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Resume and interview workshops

These workshops cover the basic information to help prepare individuals for their next job. The resume workshop will be May 7 from 9 to 11 a.m. The interview workshop will also be May 7 from noon to 2 p.m. Both will be in Building 3200, Room 266. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services available. The next orientations are May 11 and 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club. Free childcare is available but must be arranged ahead of time. For more information, call 228-5690.

Sponsorship training

To make a great first impression for new members assigned to the base, attend the Sponsorship Class May 12 from 8 to 9 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 266. This class covers effective sponsorship and offers useful resources. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Happenings

Can Do Crew

The Can Do Crew needs volunteers Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Mighty Marriages Workshop

This workshop for couples is May 7 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and May 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. For more information, or to sign up, contact Chaplain (Capt.) John VanderKaay at 228-

School and sports physicals

The 355th Medical Group is conducting school and sports physical examinations. To schedule an appointment, call the medical group's appointment line at 228-2778. In addition to Monday through Friday appoint-

ments, Saturday appointments for physicals will be offered June 5, 26 and July 31 from 7:30 a.m. to noon. When you come for a child's appointment, remember to bring a military identification card, shot records, prescription glasses and/or contacts and all school and sports physical paperwork. Your child should wear loose clothing that is easily removed. Each child must be accompanied by a parent during their appointment.

Thrift shop

The thrift shop, located on Ironwood Street, is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consignments close at 1 p.m.

Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Admission is for DoD ID card holders and their guests only. For the theater movie recording, call 228-5694.

Friday: Dirty Dancing, Havana Nights

(PG-13) Katey Miller brings an innate curiosity to her new life in Cuba's lush capital, where her father has taken an executive posting at Chrysler. Schooled by her parents in the art of ballroom dancing, Katey is expected to join the smart set of American teenagers at the exclusive Oceana Hotel. But she finds herself drawn instead to a waiter who also happens to be brilliant dancer. *1 hour, 26 minutes*



Saturday: Secret Window

(PG-13) Mort Rainey, played by Johnny Depp, a writer just coming off of a troublesome divorce with his ex-wife, finds himself stalked at his remote lake house by a psychotic stranger. The stranger claims Mort stole his best story idea and just changed the ending. And now, he wants revenge, even if it means murder. *1 hour, 46 minutes*



Sunday: Spartan

(R) Robert Scott is a career military officer working in a highly secretive special operations force. A man hardened by years of brutal service, he is respected by his peers and elders in the world of espionage. When Scott is recruited to find Laura Newton, the daughter of a high-ranking government official, he stumbles upon a white slavery ring which may have some connection to Laura's disappearance, and may also extend throughout high government officials. *1 hour, 46 minutes*



Services Activities

Hutch Pool Hike

Take a day trip to Hutch's Pool in Sabino Canyon May 8. This famous natural pool is located in a scenic rock gorge. The water is cool even in the hottest part of the year. The hike is 8.2 miles round trip, with a 600 foot elevation climb. The cost of \$15 includes park fees, transportation and guide. For more information, call 228-3736.

Mother's Day baskets

Stop by the arts and crafts center to see the Mother's Day baskets that are filled with candy, stuffed animals, coffee, teacups and snacks. Prices start at \$15. For more information, call 228-4385.

Scrapbooking class

Learn scrapbooking in a class taught by Vicki Corlett May 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$10 for new students and \$8 for returning students. This includes all supplies. For more information, call 228-4385.

Framing classes

The arts and craft center has framing classes that consist of two sessions. In the first session, learn how to cut and join a frame. In the second session, they will cover sizing and cutting the matts and glass and assembling the finished piece. One set of classes is Thursday and May 13 and another set is May 20 and 27. The classes are from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and cost \$20, which includes all supplies. For more information, call 228-4385.

Children's Workshop

Let your kids' creativity flow at the arts and crafts center May 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. when experienced crafters help them glaze their own ceramic piece, which they will choose. The cost is \$6 and including all supplies. For more information, call 228-4385.

Patagonia Lake Family Camping Trip

Join outdoor recreation at Patagonia Lake for family camping fun May 15 and 16. The ODR guides will help set up camp, cook the food and will perform other necessary camping chores while participants have fun. The cost of \$60 includes all camping equipment, food, transportation, park fees and guide. For more information, call 228-3736.

Calling all Quilters

For those who would like to learn how to quilt, call 228-4385.

Archery Camp

Youth ages 8 to 15 years can learn the basic fundamentals and proper use of equipment and safety through hands on experience at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Archery Range May 22 to 28. Cost is \$15 for youth center members and \$20 for non-

Dining at the clubs

The D-M clubs have combined their teams to ensure everyone's dining and social experiences are the best and at great prices. For lunch, The Mirage Officers' Club offers "all ranks" buffets Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Buffets rotate and include a barbecue buffet, pasta bar, fried and baked catfish buffet and meatloaf. Members receive a \$2 discount plus they can use a services buck, making the total only \$4.85. If a full buffet is too much, there is also a soup and salad bar. Get a Members First "Lunch Bunch" card punched each time and the sixth lunch is free. Lunch take-outs are back too. Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. is two-for-one steak, chicken or fish. Fridays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. is prime rib. Sundays the Mirage offers a Champagne Brunch from



Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

Master Sgt. Craig Prince, 355th Component Maintenance Squadron, dishes up his plate as he prepares to enjoy a buffet lunch at The Mirage Officers' Club. The club offers "All Ranks" dining.

10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call The Mirage at 228-3301 or the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club at 228-3100.

members. The fee includes the two-hour daily sessions. Permission slips are required. For more information, call 228-8484.

Gaslight Theater

To get tickets to the Gaslight Theater May 12 for the medieval comedy, "Surely You Joust!", call 228-3700. The cost is \$25 and includes the show and transportation.

Wyatt Earp days

Come and see the sights in Tombstone, Ariz., and enjoy a taste of the Old West May 31. Tombstone is known as "The town too tough to die." Enjoy gunfight re-enactments, a chili cook-off, historic costumes and street entertainment featuring some legendary Western lawmen and outlaws. The cost is \$15 and includes transportation only. For more information, call 228-3700.

Summer Reading Program

This year's Summer Reading Program at the base library kicks off June 3 and continues every week until August 5. The theme "Catch a Dragon by the Tale" will encourage children to spend a smarter summer reading.

Group activities, stories, crafts and special events will be held Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. An awards ceremony will be held at the end of the program to present prizes for the most books read and recorded for each of three age categories: children under 6 years, 7 to 10 year olds and 11 to 14 year olds. For more information, stop by the library in Building 4339 or call 228-7149.

Price Is Right

Members of the Davis-Monthan commu-

nity are invited to "come on down" for a chance to be the next contestant on "The Price Is Right" June 13 and 14. Participants will travel to see Bob Barker in Hollywood, Calif., and will stay at the Best Western Hollywood Plaza Hotel. Must be at least 18 years old to be in the studio audience. The cost is \$120 to \$160 and includes transportation, hotel accommodations and tickets to the taping. The trip departs at 8 a.m. and returns at 11 p.m. For more information, call 748-1942.

Community center Bingo

The community center invites everybody to come out and enjoy Bingo games Tuesdays. Doors open at 5 p.m. and Early Bird games start at 6:30 p.m. There are Bingo games, cash prizes and jackpots from \$50 to \$1,000. Stormy's Cafe will be open serving a variety of sandwiches, snacks, pizza and a selection of beverages. Individuals must be 18 years to play and youth 15 years or under are not allowed in the facility without a guardian. For more information, call 228-3717.

Black Canyon Canoe trip

Visit the canyon of history, beauty and wildlife June 25 to 27. Just below the concrete monolith of Hoover Dam lies the natural curiosities of Sauna Cave and the Hot Water Falls of Goldstrike Canyon. Scan the steep canyon walls for bighorn sheep or simply enjoy nature's grandeur as you soothe your muscles in the natural hot tub at Arizona Hot Springs. Treat yourself and enjoy a relaxing and peaceful weekend on the river. The cost of \$130 includes equipment, transportation, permits and guide. For more information, call 228-3736.